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**AGENDA ITEM: D**

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program -  
Funding Recommendations: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program awards as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) (Attachment D-1). If the proposed list of award recommendations is approved, three federally recognized Indian tribes in California are eligible to receive \$2.44 million. Proposals selected for funding will be under agreement from October 1, 2023, to June 1, 2028. A list of proposals recommended for funding is provided in the table below and corresponding proposal summaries are provided in Attachment D-2.

### Background

The Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 154, Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022) established the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Grant Program (Attachment D-3). Per the Budget Act, funds shall be awarded by the Board of State and Community Corrections as competitive grants to federally recognized Indian tribes in California to support efforts to identify, collect case-level data, publicize, investigate, and solve cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people.

Grants were to focus on activities including, but not limited to, developing culturally based prevention strategies, strengthening responses to human trafficking, and improving cooperation and communication on jurisdictional issues between state, local, federal, and tribal law enforcement to investigate and solve cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people.

On July 25, 2022, the Board approved a staff recommendation to establish an ESC and appoint a Chair (Attachment D-4). Board Member Norma Cumpian served as Chair, and the ESC developed a Request for Proposal (RFP). On April 13, 2023, the Board approved release of the MMIP RFP with a proposal due date of June 23, 2023 (Attachment D-5). The RFP made \$11.4 million available across four fiscal years to implement the grant program, subject to future appropriations (Attachment D-6).

The BSCC received three proposals requesting approximately \$2.44 million in funding. After technical review, all proposals met submission criteria and were provided to the MMIP ESC for funding consideration. On July 20, 2023, BSCC staff trained the ESC on the proposal reading and rating process based on the criteria established in the RFP. Once all ESC scores were submitted, BSCC staff generated a ranked list of proposals eligible for funding.

All three proposals met the scoring threshold and are recommended for funding, as shown in the table below:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommended Award</b>
<b>1</b>	Yurok Tribe	\$1,000,000	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>2</b>	Tolowa Dee-Ni Nation	\$440,000	<b>\$440,000</b>
<b>3</b>	Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians	\$1,000,000	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Recommended Funding:</b>			<b>\$2,440,000</b>

If the Board approves the ESC funding recommendations shown above, \$8.96 million remains unallocated. In addition, the 2023 State Budget included a one-time augmentation for the MMIP Grant in the amount of \$12 million. That leaves approximately \$20.3 million available for a second round of funding.

BSCC staff have been in contact with tribal representatives, tribal associations and other tribal advocates to plan a comprehensive outreach plan. BSCC plans to gather input from these outreach efforts, revise the RFP, reconvene the ESC and issue a second RFP at the November Board Meeting.

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

On behalf of the MMIP ESC, staff recommends that the Board:

- Fully fund three proposals totaling \$2.44 million for grant projects to federally recognized Indian tribes in California to support efforts to identify, collect case-level data, publicize, and investigate and solve cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people.
- Direct staff to work with the ESC to develop a new RFP with the remaining \$8.96 million plus the one-time augmentation of \$12 million for a second competitive process.

### **Attachments**

- D-1: MMIP ESC Roster
- D-2: MMIP Proposal Summaries
- D-3: Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 154)
- D-4: July 25, 2022, Board Report
- D-5: April 13, 2023, Board Report
- D-6: MMIP Request for Proposal